

# Drayton Watershed Improvement District

## Minutes for: February 16, 2021 Meeting, 3pm

Videoconference – Zoom Meeting ID: 868 9702 6790 Passcode: 737228

<u>  x  </u> Rod Tjoelker	<u>  x  </u> Scott James	<u>  t  </u> Marty Maberry
<u>  x  </u> Jeb Miller	<u>  x  </u> Greg Ebe	
<u>  x  </u> Henry Bierlink	<u>  t  </u> Dale Buys	<u>  t  </u> Jay Chennault
<u>  x  </u> Fred Likkel	<u>  t  </u> Katherine Beeler	<u>  t  </u> Kasey Cykler
<u>  t  </u> Alan Chapman	<u>  t  </u> Katie Faber	<u>  x  </u> David Haggith

*x = present*                      *o = absent with notice*                      *t = teleconference*

Rod opened the meeting at 3:02.

### I. Consent Agenda

- a. Review and Approval of December 15, 2020 Minutes
- b. Financial Report
- c. The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D0121	Ag Water Board	January, February AWB	\$6,302.50
<b>TOTAL VOUCHER</b>			<b>\$6,302.50</b>

Jeb moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Scott seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### II. Administrative

- a. Oath of Office – Jeb and Marty were sworn into new three-year terms.
- b. Officer election – President and VP/Secretary - Greg moved to keep Rod as President, Marty as AWB representative, and Scott as VP/Sect., Jeb seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- c. Annexation options were again reviewed. Rod encourage the board members to connect with the landowners before the September DWID meeting.

### III. Ag Water Board/Water Supply

- a. Adjudication debate
  - Legislative education is continuing – a budget proviso that would approve funding for both pre-adjudication work and the County collaborative process is developing. It currently prohibits Ecology from filing for adjudication until 2023.
  - Greg wondered if we should be supplying more information to our landowners so they can begin the homework needed to be prepared for an adjudication – gathering dates of water use, volumes, crop records, and potential legal resources to help. Kasey argued that not all water right owners would need legal help as Ecology would be helping them determine their water uses. The board was skeptical that landowners would be well served in maximizing their legal water usage without an advocate helping them to do so.
  - Response to tribal meeting – A general feeling of progress in the December meeting with tribes but no response as of yet to our followup letter.
- b. County Executive proposal
  - Built on Lummi proposal (2015) and Drainage Based Management
  - Cascadia Policy Solutions - Maia, Jay – engaged by County to guide this
- c. Deep Aquifer project – BBWSD – water banking paper is still being developed by Chuck.
- d. Regional Water Supply project – Drayton as a pilot area. Seems to be primarily collecting and cataloguing data for use in Drainage Based Management.
- e. AWB grant – Jay described the current work that is now focusing on stream augmentation in fall, 2022. A permanent water right will be sought and that application is nearly ready. We plan to use the right for the project and put it into the Trust Water Right Program once

completed which would allow us to pull it back out whenever we want to augment the stream again. Henry noted we were applying for a grant extension until December, 2022.

**IV. Water Quality**

- a. Monitoring Results – David noted high counts in early December. It has been better since. David is meeting with the WSDA inspector soon to discuss theories of why the high numbers were present at a time when we wouldn't expect them.
- b. DNA project – Avian project initiated and progressing. Exact has been challenged to get all the needed supplies for the project due to COVID.
- c. Portage Bay/Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District update – the numbers have not been encouraging in large part to the timing of the tests (immediately after large rain events). There may be an additional month of fall closure in Portage and closure of the area around sampling sites #378 and #379 in Drayton.

**V. Education/Communications**

- a. Website – [www.draytonwid.com](http://www.draytonwid.com)

**VI. Adjournment/Next Meetings**

Rod adjourned the meeting at 3:51. Next meeting is March 16

Respectfully submitted by Henry Bierlink, Ag Water Board

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_